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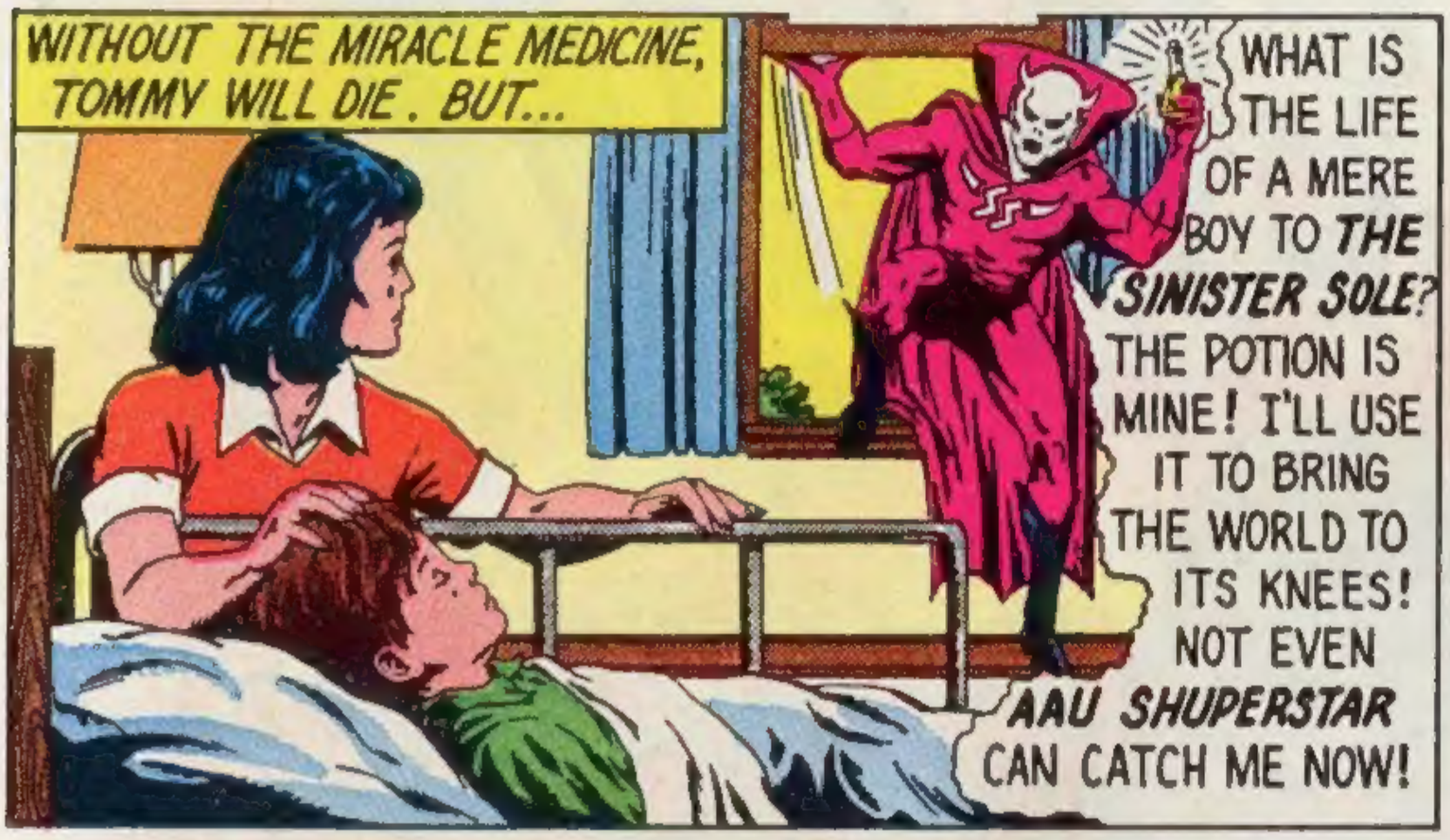
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A FIRE WITHIN

HEAR ME, BROTHERS-- THE TIME HAS COME! WE MUST CLEANSE THE EARTH! WE MUST PURGE OUR PLANET OF THE DEADLY MENACE CALLED--

--SUPERBOY!

DOWN WITH SUPERBOY!

EARTH FOR EARTHLINGS!

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THAT'S RIGHT, BROTHERS! EVERY DAY WE BECOME MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT ON THIS... THIS *ALIEN!* AND WHO'S TO SAY *WHERE* IT WILL END?

ARE WE TO BE *SHEEP* LED BY A SHEPHERD WHO ISN'T EVEN *HUMAN*?

GEEZ, CLARK! I WONDER WHICH LOONY-ZOO *THAT* CHARACTER ESCAPED FROM?

I DON'T KNOW, LANA BUT I'VE A FEELING THAT IF HE DOESN'T KEEP HIS *OPINIONS* TO HIMSELF --

"--THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE!"

THAT JERK FORGETS THAT SUPERBOY'S GOT *FRIENDS* IN THIS BURG!

YEAH. SO LET'S *REMIND* HIM BY GIVIN' HIM SOME OF THE SAME STUFF HE'S BEEN *DISHIN' OUT--*

SPLAT

--GARBAGE!

HA HA HA HA HA

BUT THOUGH THE CACKLING HECKLERS' INTENTION IS TO MAKE FUN OF THE STARTLED SPEAKER, THEY SOON FIND THAT, AS WITH MANY ACTS OF SENSELESS TAUNTING--

--THE DROLL--

KRASH

--CAN EASILY TURN TO --

SSSSSSS

--THE DISASTROUS!

SHAPHOOM

TH-THE BONFIRE! IT'S OUT OF CONTROL! W-WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, CLARK! WE --

--CLARK...?

BUT THE BESPECTACLED TEENAGER IS GONE, TO BE REPLACED A SHORT COSTUME-CHANGE LATER BY --

SUPERBOY!

TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND! CAN'T RISK SPREADING THE FLAMES BY TRYING TO BLOW THEM OUT! SO--

I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THINGS THE HARD WAY!

FLYING IN SWIFT CIRCLES AROUND A ROOFTOP WATER TOWER, SUPERBOY CREATES A VACUUM TO DRAW THE GURGLING LIQUID UPWARDS...

AND THEN...

SINCE CARRYING A HUNDRED GALLONS OF WATER WITHOUT A *BUCKET* IS DIFFICULT EVEN FOR A *SUPERBOY*--

--A GUST OF *SUPER-COLD BREATH* SHOULD TURN IT INTO A MORE *CONVENIENT* FORM!

NOW THE ONLY PROBLEM IS GETTING THIS OVERGROWN *POPSICLE* BACK TO THE FIRE--

--LETTING IT *LOOSE*--

--AND USING MY *HEAT VISION* TO TURN IT BACK TO A *LIQUID* IN TIME TO--

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THAT'S RIGHT, SUPERBOY! I WENT BY THE RULES--

--WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR CERTAIN OFF-WORLD VIGILANTES WHO CONSIDER US "NATIVES" TOO PRIMITIVE TO POLICE OURSELVES!

LESTER, PLEASE--!

NO, AMANDA, SOMEONE HAS TO STAND UP AGAINST THIS... INVASION!

IF WE LET SUPERBOY HAVE THE RUN OF THE PLANET, PRETTY SOON MORE ALIENS WILL COME HERE! THEY'LL TAKE JOBS FROM DECENT PEOPLE--

--CORRUPT OUR VALUES, MARRY OUR DAUGHTERS! THEY'LL--

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, CHIEF PARKER, I THINK I'VE HEARD QUITE ENOUGH!

THAT'S RIGHT, SUPERBOY--RUN! BUT THE DAY IS COMING!

THE DAY WHEN WE'LL WIPE YOUR KIND OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

AND SECONDS LATER, AS THE CROWD DISPERSES...

OH, CLARK! THERE YOU ARE!

I WENT TO CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, LANA— BUT I CAN SEE THINGS ARE UNDER CONTROL NOW.

SIKELA'S HARDWARE

YES, SUPERBOY TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING --CAN YOU IMAGINE? AFTER ALL THAT KOOK IN THE FANCY THREADS SAID ABOUT HIM!

WELL, MAYBE THE OLD WEIRDO AT LEAST LEARNED A LESSON.

MAYBE, LANA...

...BUT SOMEHOW I DOUBT IT.

NIGHT PASSES...AND THE NEXT MORNING, AS BREAKFAST ENDS AT THE HOME OF JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT...

EASY, CLARK! THOSE FLAP-JACKS AREN'T GOING TO RUN AWAY, YOU KNOW!

SORRY, MA--

--BUT YOU KNOW HOW UPSET MR. GREGORY GETS WHEN I'M LATE FOR HIS FIRST PERIOD CHEMISTRY CLASS!

SEE YA!

SO INTENT IS CLARK KENT ON KEEPING HIS PACE TO AN IMPATIENTLY HUMAN LEVEL, THAT HE DOESN'T NOTICE A SLIGHT TINGLING THAT RUNS THROUGH HIS LEFT HAND--

--A SENSATION WHOSE EFFECTS BECOME APPARENT A SHORT HALF-HOUR LATER, AS CHEMISTRY 101 BEGINS...

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WHY, SURE, MR. GREGORY, I--

HUH?!

PHEEYEW! THAT SULFUR SMELLS LIKE A MONTH-OLD OMELET!

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CLASS! KOFF KOFF! DISMISSED!

WAY TO GO, CLARKIE! YOUR KLUTZ ROUTINE FINALLY PAID OFF!

YEAH, DROPPIN' THAT BEAKER WAS THE SMARTEST THING YOU'VE DONE ALL SEMESTER! HA, HA!

PEP RALLY

BASH AND WALLY CAN JOKE ALL THEY WANT-- BUT THEY WOULDN'T LAUGH IF THEY KNEW I DIDN'T DROP ANYTHING!

THAT BEAKER WENT RIGHT THROUGH MY HAND--

--LIKE MY HAND WASN'T EVEN THERE!?!

AND AS IF THIS NEW PUZZLE ISN'T BAD ENOUGH--

--AN OLD CONUNDRUM IS PREPARING TO RESURFACE, AS NIGHT FALLS OVER THE SMALLVILLE RAIL YARD...

SUPER BOY [GO HOME!]

PLEASE, LESTER! PLEASE CALL OFF THIS RALLY! YOU WERE NEVER LIKE THIS BEFORE THOSE HEADACHES STARTED! MAYBE A DOCTOR...

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ALIENS OUT!

ALIENS OUT!

NO, AMANDA! I'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO SPEAK THE WORD! AND [UHN] SPEAK IT I WILL!

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SUPER BOY [GO HOME!]

ALIENS OUT!

WHILE, IN THE AUDIENCE ...

I'VE A HUNCH WALLACE'S COMMENT ABOUT "WIPING MY KIND OFF THE EARTH" HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY HAND BEING "WIPED OUT".

SO MAYBE IF I HANG AROUND HERE I CAN--

LOOK! IT'S THAT KENT KID! THE ONE WHO'S SUCH GOOD FRIENDS WITH SUPERBOY!

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BUT THEN, I GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO *LIKE* MY JOB--

--I JUST HAVE TO *DO* IT!

BUT THAT MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN YOU THINK, SUPERBOY...

GREAT KRYPTON! WHATEVER MADE MY *HAND* LOSE SUBSTANCE HAS SPREAD TO THE ENTIRE *LEFT SIDE* OF MY BODY!

BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE *PEOPLE*--

--I'D JUST BETTER PRAY THAT MY *RIGHT* SIDE STILL WORKS *NORMALLY!*

INDEED IT DOES, SUPERBOY--

HUNT

WHOOOSSHH

--THEN RUNNING A HUNDRED YARDS TO RIP UP ENOUGH RAILING ON WHICH TO CATCH THAT FREIGHT --

WRRUNK

--THOUGH A CASUAL OBSERVER MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CALL HURLING A MULTI-TON FREIGHT TRAIN HIGH IN THE AIR--

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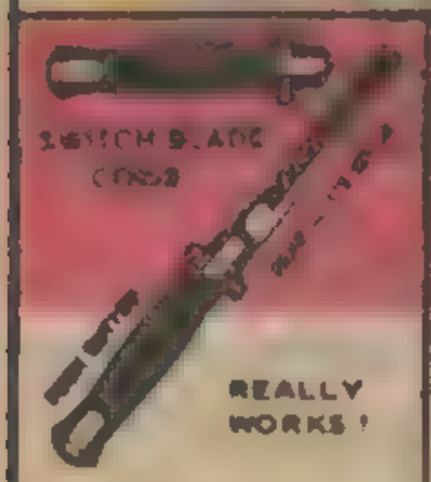

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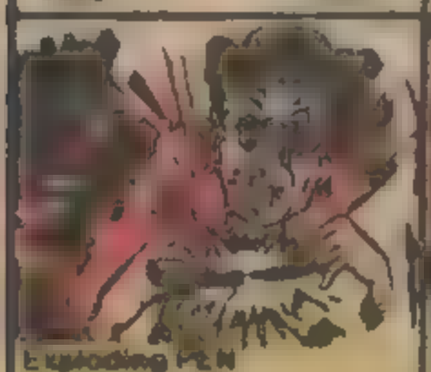

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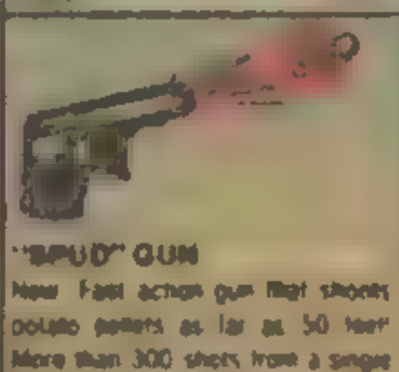

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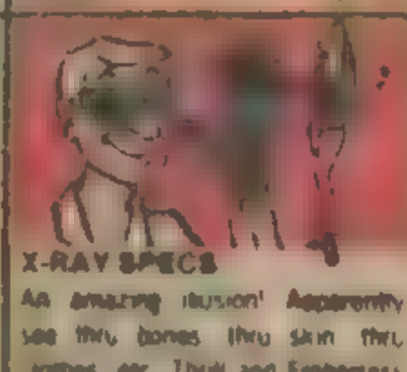

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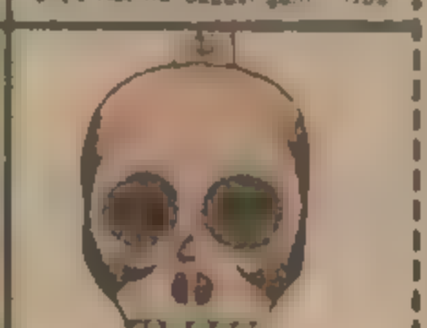

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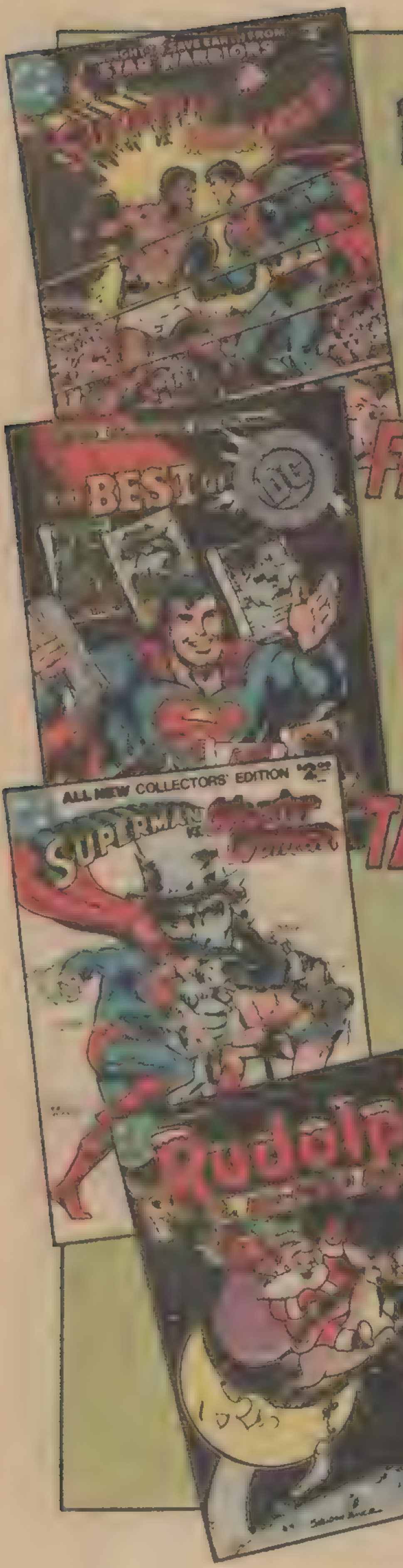

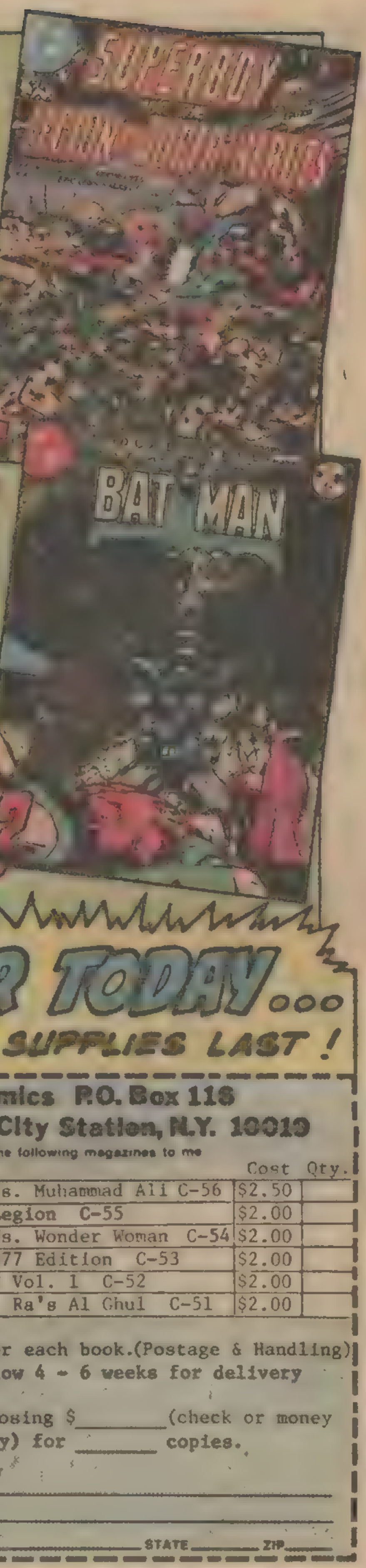

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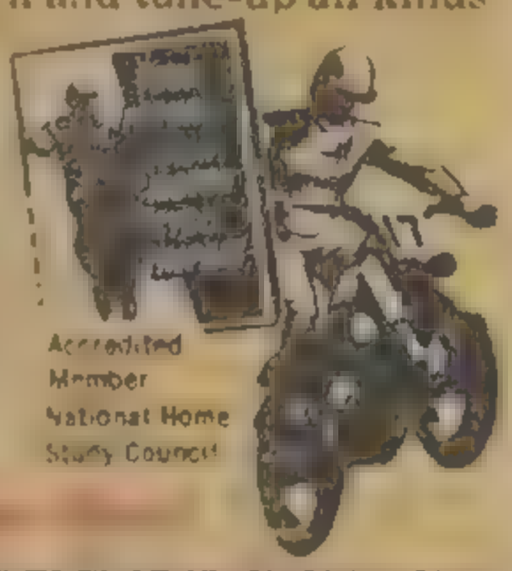

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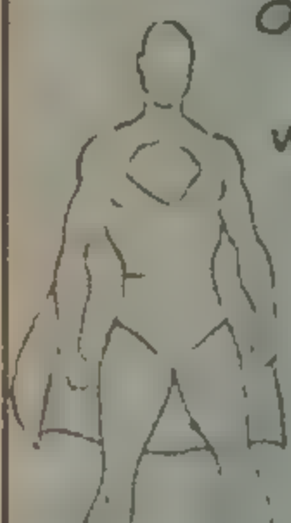

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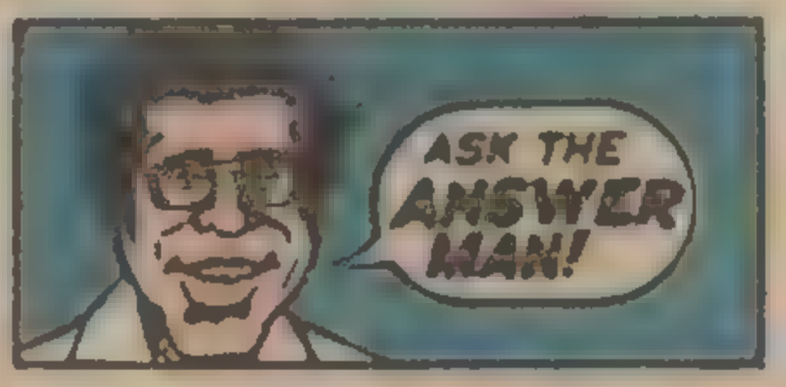

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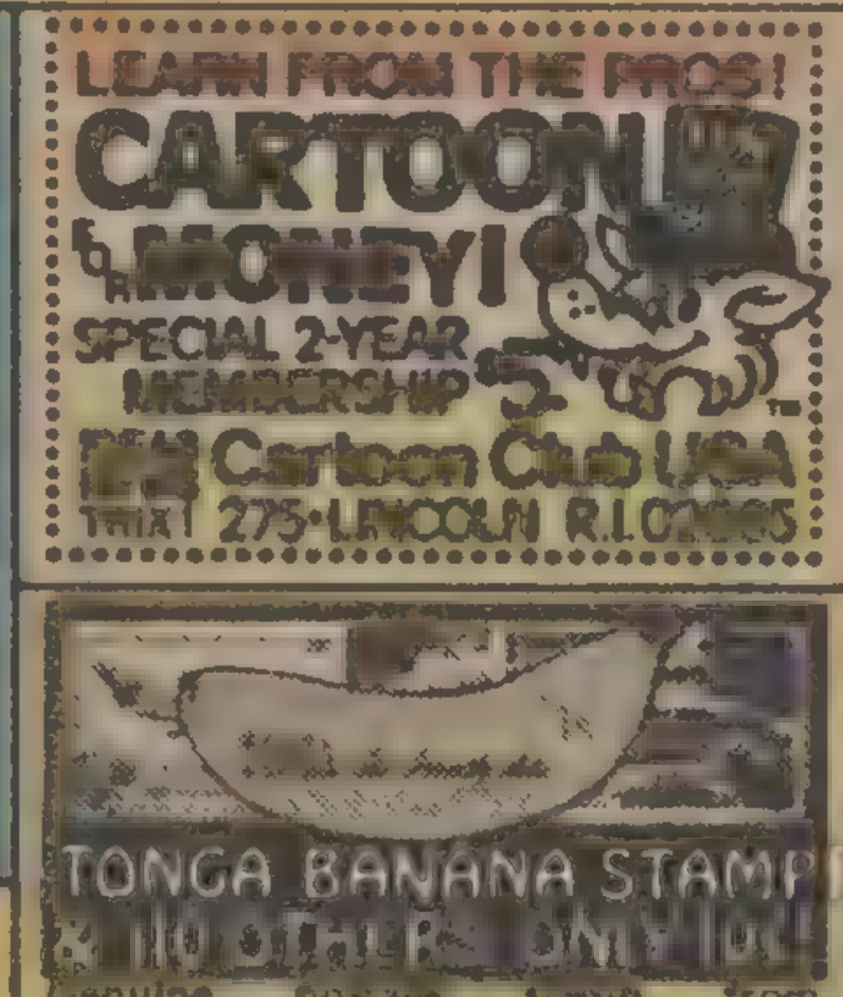

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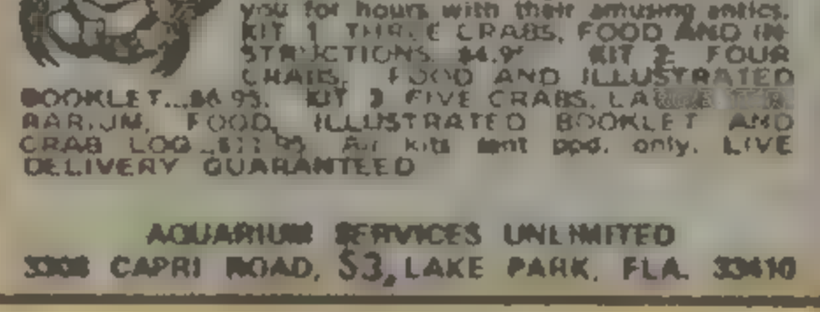

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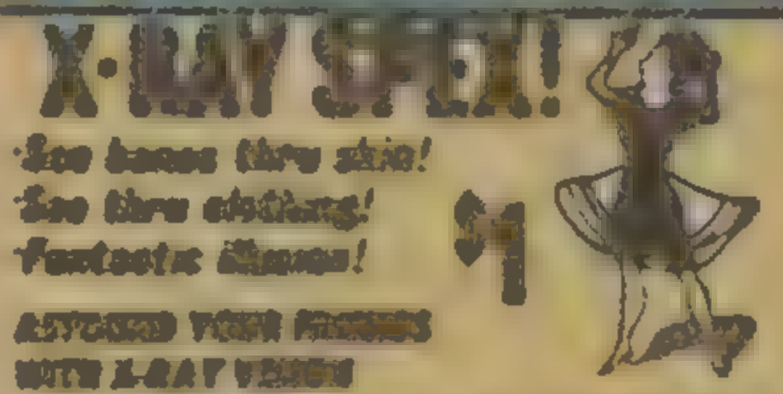

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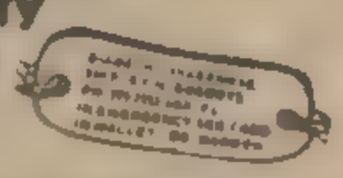

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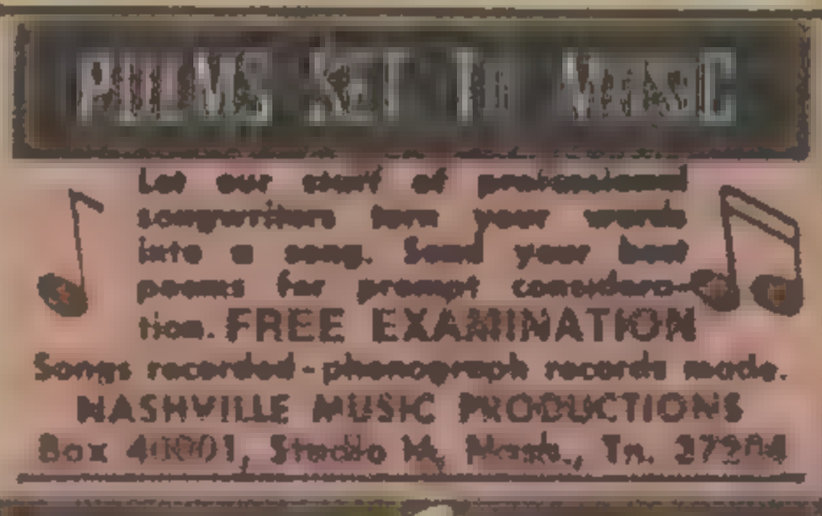

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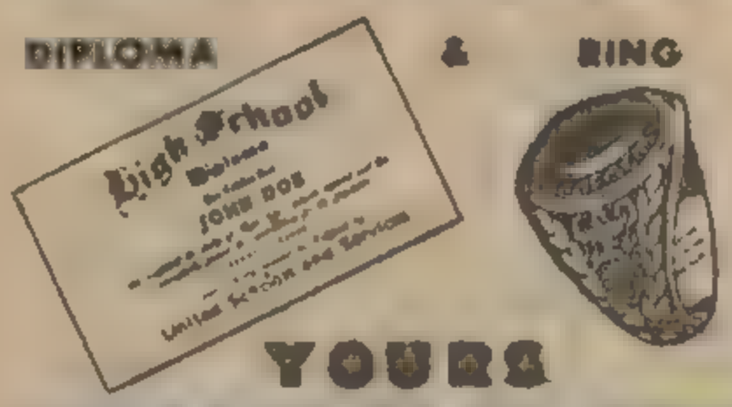

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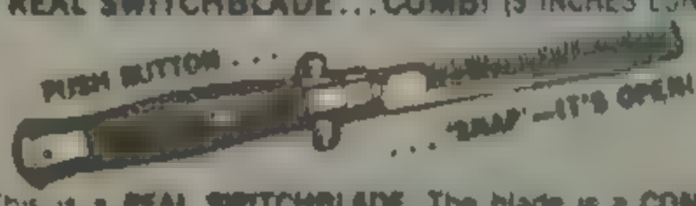

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HONESTLY, I...I FEEL FINE.

NEVERTHELESS, I WANT YOU TO SIT DOWN, MY BOY!

AFTER WHAT YOU'VE JUST BEEN THROUGH, YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL!

PROFESSOR, IF I WERE THE CAREFUL TYPE, I'D NEVER HAVE LET THE WITCH-DOCTOR MOPHIR SCRATCH ME WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND THAT DAY ON DIABLO ISLAND*--

--AND THUS IMBUE ME WITH THE ALIEN ENERGIES THAT BEGAN THIS NIGHTMARE!

*AS SEEN IN HOUSE OF SECRETS #61.-- PAUL

THAT MESS OVER THERE WAS DESIGNED TO SEVER THE BIZARRE SYMBIOTIC BOND BETWEEN ECLIPSO AND MYSELF PERMANENTLY--

--SO WE COULD DESTROY HIM WITHOUT DESTROYING ME AS WELL!

AND AS NEAR AS I CAN FIGURE IT, OUR PURPOSE HASN'T CHANGED!

WOULD IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF I DIDN'T, SIMON? ECLIPSO IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!

I'M SORRY, MONA-- BUT I STARTED THIS, AND I'VE GOT TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END...

...EVEN IF THAT END IS MINE!

"THUS FAR THE OPERATION APPEARED TO BE A SUCCESS... BUT THE PATIENT WAS VERY LIKELY TO DIE!"

OUR EXPERIMENT WORKED, PROFESSOR! THE FAINT TINGLING I USUALLY FEEL WHILE ECLIPSO IS APART FROM ME IS GONE--

YOU'RE SURE YOU FEEL UP TO IT, BRUCE?

--AND I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO PREVENT US FROM GOING AFTER THE MANIAC HIMSELF!

I'M THE ONE WHO UNLEASHED HIM ON AN UNSUSPECTING WORLD-- AND I HAVE TO BE THE ONE WHO REMOVES HIM FROM IT!

BUT, BRUCE--!

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KA-RAAA-AM!!

--SCATTERING CUSTOMERS AND MERCHANDISE ALIKE ACROSS THE POLISHED MARBLE FLOOR!

SWEET LORD-- IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!

NO, NOT QUITE THE END OF THE WORLD, LITTLE MAN...

HUH?

...BUT I ASSURE YOU, THAT CAN EASILY BE ARRANGED!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, MISTER-- BUT YOU'RE NOT COMING NEAR THIS ARMORED CAR!

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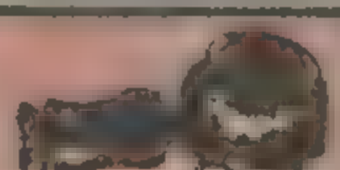

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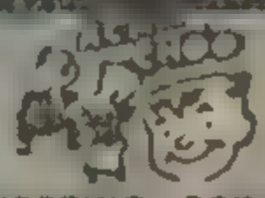

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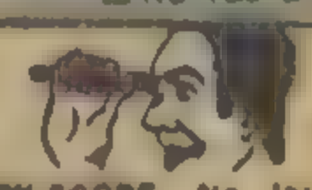

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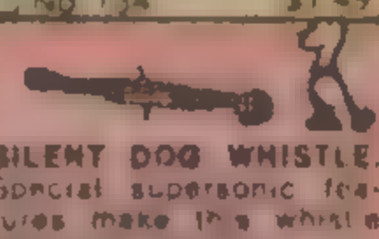

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GORDON!? YOU'RE STILL *ALIVE?* SOMEHOW, I SHOULD HAVE *EXPECTED* AS MUCH!

GIVE IT UP, ECLIPSO--*NOW!* THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN *ESCAPE!*

ANYTHING YOU TRY TO DO TO *ME* WILL AFFECT YOU *TOO!*

WHAT SORT OF MORON DO YOU *TAKE* ME FOR, GORDON? THE *BOND* BETWEEN US IS *BROKEN!* YOU KNOW THAT AS WELL AS *I* DO!

THERE IS NO LONGER ANYTHING TO *PREVENT* ME FROM DOING-- *THIS!!*

CLICK

MY BLUFF DIDN'T *WORK*... BUT MAYBE THIS *LIGHT-GRENADE* WILL! INTENSE LIGHT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ECLIPSO'S GREATEST *WEAKNESS!*

YOU'RE *CONSISTENT,* GORDON--I'LL GRANT YOU *THAT* MUCH!

BUT YOUR LIGHT-BOMB WON'T ACCOMPLISH MUCH IF THESE *JEWELS* CAN *DISPERSE* THE INTIAL *FLARE!*

FWAAAP!

BUT, ON THE *OTHER* HAND...

THE *LIGHT*--EVEN *DIMMED,* IT STILL CAUSES SUCH TERRIBLE *PAIN*--!!

ECLIPSO'S *STUNNED!* AND EVEN THOUGH... I FEEL *WORSE*... THAN *HE* DOES... I'VE GOT TO... MAKE MY *MOVE...*

...OR I MAY NOT... GET ANOTHER CHANCE!

HUNFF!

UUNNHH!

OOOF!

CURSE YOU, GORDON--WHEN WILL YOU LEARN?

THIS WORLD IS DESTINED TO BE MINE ONE DAY--

--AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU OR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO TO PREVENT IT!

AND WHEN THE DIAMOND-SPAWNED DUST-STORM HAS FINALLY CLEARED...

ECLIPSO IS GONE--AS I KNEW HE'D BE --AND HE'S TAKEN THE STAR OF ALLAH WITH HIM!

LOOK OUT! HE'S GOING TO...

QUICKLY, BRUCE, WE'VE GOT TO...

BRUCE?

KTUNGGG!!

MY GOD, DADDY-- WHAT'S HAPPENED TO BRUCE?

LORD, NO WONDER HE FELT WEAK! OUR EXPERIMENT WORKED, MONA--BUT NOT AS WE HAD HOPED!

WHEN WE SEVERED THE SYMBIOTIC ENERGY-FLOW BETWEEN BRUCE AND ECLIPSO, THE SURGE FLOWED THE WRONG WAY!

BRUCE IS RAPIDLY USING UP WHAT LITTLE ENERGY HE HAS LEFT, AND UNLESS WE CAN FIND A WAY TO REPLENISH IT...

...BRUCE GORDON WILL SIMPLY FADE AWAY!

NEXT ISSUE:

"FATE OF A FADE-AWAY MAN!"

BE THERE, OKAY?

DATELINE: ADVENTURE

Quickly, reader—what's the greatest point of similarity between the two stories in this issue? Ah ha, Watson—you've seen it. Both our tales end with disappearing heroes. Well, count yourself one whit more observant than ye editor, who didn't notice the coincidence until the art for the two jobs was already in house and it was too late to change. It is a coincidence, by the way, since the two stories were plotted in two separate months due to the exigencies of Len's schedule as he returns to full-time service here at DC.

Virtue, one wit said, is making good publicity out of a lost opportunity . . . and while that's often far from the truth, we're going to try to make it fit here. So we're going to take this coincidence and try and turn it to our advantage by offering you a contest. The reader who sends in the best suggestion for linking the two stories into one epic tale will receive ample notice in this space a few months hence, and a free subscription to ADVENTURE.

In a hundred words or less, explain how we could have made these two stories serve as prologues to a single story in our next issue, and send your solution to: **ADVENTUROUS ESCAPES, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019;** and then join us next issue for the regularly scheduled twin tales that will really wrap up both stories.

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Halfway through the letters page and no letters yet. We're in trouble, folks.

You see, there's a few other bits of business we have to get out of the way, not the least of which is a momentous announcement: effective with **#459** (on sale in June), **ADVENTURE COMICS** will be a Dollar Comic, with 80 pages crammed full of new super-heroics.

Frankly, ye editor is hoping to make it the best Dollar Comic on the stands, and here's how:

- **THE FLASH** will lead off every issue, speeding out from his own mag while keeping regular writer Cary Bates with him.
- **GREEN LANTERN** will be flying solo in science-fiction, space-oriented adventures, courtesy of Denny O'Neil and Joe Staton (the team that brought you the GL story in last year's **FIVE STAR SUPER-HERO SPECTACULAR**).
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And if you're wondering where that leaves **Superboy,** he'll be making the move to **SUPERMAN FAMILY** . . . a mag which has always seemed a more natural home for his series. We though it was about time **DC** did a super-hero Dollar Comic without either a big red "S" or a black bat plastered all over it.

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Now you understand why we were forced (reluctantly) to crowd the letters off this page . . . they'll be back next time, along with our vanishing heroes. And meantime, get the latest scoop on the upcoming **SUPERMAN** film by watching the special feature pages in all our Dollar Comics.—Paul Levitz.

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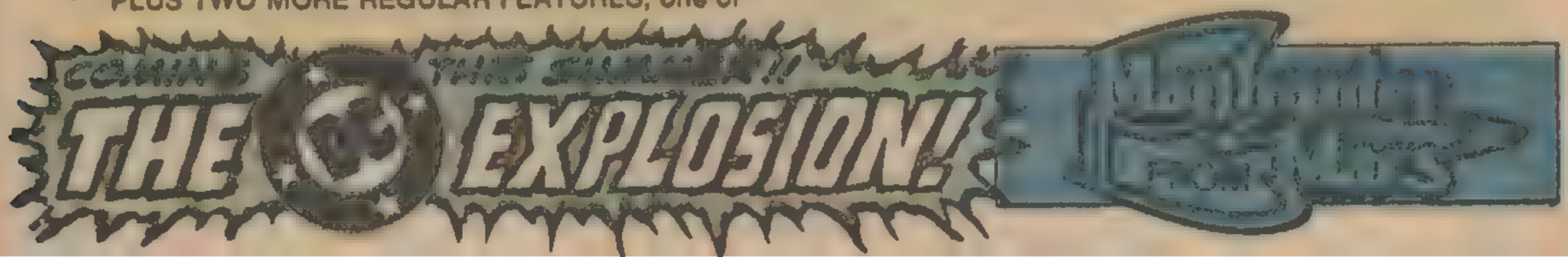

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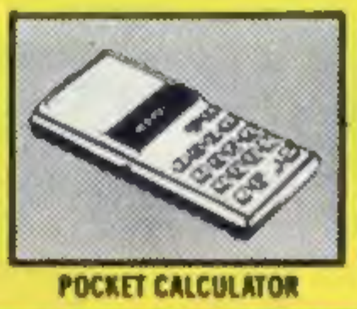

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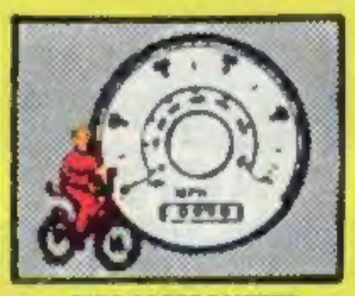

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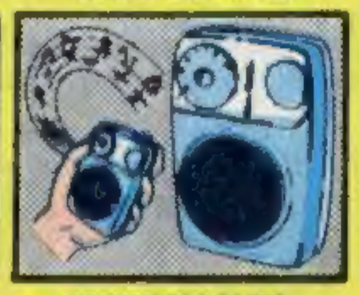

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